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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: SUGGESTED TEXT OF LETTER TO  
KAUNDA (S/S 7625352 )

TO THE SECRETARY FROM SCHAUFLELE THROUGH ROBINSON

1. FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED TEXT FOR REPLY TO KAUNDA. IN  
VIEW OF TONE OF KAUNDA'S RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER WE HAVE  
JUDGED THAT IT MIGHT BE WISER TO REPLY MORE GENERALLY  
THAN WE MIGHT OTHERWISE, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF YOUR  
PROPOSED MEETING WITH CHONA.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I HAVE RECEIVED  
YOUR LETTER OF DECEMBER 9 WHICH, IN KEEPING WITH OUR  
CONSULTATIONS OVER THE PAST EIGHT MONTHS, HAS BEEN VERY  
HELPFUL IN CLARIFYING THE ISSUES AND ANY POSSIBLE MIS-  
UNDERSTANDINGS. I MUST SAY THAT, DURING ALL THESE MONTHS,  
I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN VERY IMPRESSED BY THE FRANKNESS AND  
HONESTY WITH WHICH YOU APPROACH THESE DIFFICULT ISSUES.  
AT THE SAME TIME YOUR VERY REAL CONCERNS FOR HUMANITY  
HAVE NEVER BEEN FORGOTTEN.

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"IN MY OPINION THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THERE

IS ANY DIVERGENCE FROM OUR COMMON GOAL - MAJORITY RULE  
IN RHODESIA. OUR CONCERN NOW IS TO FIND THE PRACTICAL

MEANS TO ACHIEVE THE TRANSITION WHICH WILL LEAD TO  
MAJORITY RULE AND, AT THE SAME TIME, TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE  
POLITICAL SITUATION WITHIN RHODESIA AS IT ACTUALLY EXISTS.

"I AM CONVINCED THIS CAN BE DONE IF THE INTERESTS OF ALL  
THE PARTIES ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT AS LONG AS THERE IS NO  
COMPROMISE ON THE ATTAINMENT OF OUR COMMON OBJECTIVE. I  
HAVE HAD CONSTRUCTIVE CONSULTATIONS HERE WITH THE UNITED  
KINGDOM AND A VERY USEFUL MEETING WITH MARK CHONA, THE  
RESULTS OF WHICH HE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY COMMUNICATE TO YOU.  
I AM ENCOURAGED.

"WE ARE DETERMINED TO MOVE FORWARD AS I KNOW YOU ARE. WE  
WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH YOU AND THE OTHER FRONT LINE  
PRESIDENTS AS WELL AS WITH THE NATIONALISTS, THE BRITISH,  
THE SOUTH AFRICANS AND THE RHODESIANS TO RESOLVE THE  
PROBLEMS BEFORE US. I AM SURE SUCCESS WILL BE THE RESULT  
AS LONG AS WE ALL FACE THE DIFFICULTIES AND THE VARIOUS  
CONSIDERATIONS SQUARELY WITH THE UNDERSTANDING IN ADVANCE  
THAT A SUCCESSFUL RESULT WILL INEVITABLY BE A COMPROMISE.

"ESSENTIALLY OUR PURPOSE IS TO MATCH THE CONCERNS AND  
DESIRES OF THE NATIONALIST LEADERS WITH THE ASSURANCES  
NEEDED BY THE EUROPEAN POPULATION IN RHODESIA, LEAVENED  
BY A SUITABLE BRITISH ROLE IN THE TRANSITION. AS THE  
GENEVA CONFERENCE RECESSES TO PURSUE THE ISSUE MORE  
INFORMALLY I HOPE WE CAN CONTINUE TO EXCHANGE IDEAS AND  
SUGGESTIONS.

"WHATEVER MISUNDERSTANDINGS WHICH HAVE DEVELOPED SHOULD BE  
PUT BEHIND US AND WE SHOULD TURN OUR FULL ATTENTION TOWARD  
THE RESOLUTION OF THE PRESENT DIFFICULTIES. CERTAINLY  
THE U.S. WILL BE DOING THAT AND OUR MUTUAL COOPERATION IS  
AN IMPORTANT INGREDIENT OF THE SUCCESS WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE.

"I DEEPLY APPRECIATED THE FRANK RESPONSE TO MY EQUALLY  
FRANK LETTER, AN EXCHANGE WHICH I BELIEVE FACILITATES OUR  
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TASK. PLEASE ACCEPT MY WARM REGARDS. YOU HAVE MY HIGHEST  
RESPECT FOR THE COURAGE, DECISIVENESS AND HUMANITY YOU  
HAVE ALWAYS DEMONSTRATED IN THIS ENTERPRISE." END TEXT.

3. RECOMMENDATION: THAT YOU APPROVE THE TEXT OF THE  
LETTER TO KAUNDA.

A. APPROVE.

B. DISAPPROVE.

4. DRAFTED: AF:WESCHAUFELER, JR. CLEARED: S-DPASSAGE ROBINSON

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